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## **KC WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ROLE IN METH CONSPIRACY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., woman pleaded guilty in federal court today to her role in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

**Michelle R. Vasquez**, 31, of Kansas City, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this afternoon to her role in a meth conspiracy.

By pleading guilty, **Vasquez** admitted that she conspired to distribute five grams or more of methamphetamine on Feb. 20, 2003.

**Vasquez** is the second defendant to plead guilty in this case.

**Steven G. Roden**, 27, of Kansas City, also pleaded guilty to his role in the meth conspiracy.

The co-defendants admitted that **Vasquez** met with an undercover law enforcement officer on Feb. 20, 2003, in North Kansas City, where they awaited the arrival of **Roden**, who was delivering the methamphetamine. After **Roden** experienced car trouble, **Vasquez** arranged for the location of the methamphetamine transaction to be moved to a motel room in Kansas City.

After the co-defendants and undercover officer arrived at the motel room, the officer provided **Roden** with \$1,000 and **Roden**, in turn, provided the officer with 14 grams of methamphetamine, Graves said.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, both defendants may be subject to maximum sentences of up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus fines up to \$2 million. Their sentences will be determined according to the United States Sentencing Guidelines. Sentencing hearings will be scheduled after the completion of presentence investigations by the United

States Probation Office.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David M. Ketchmark and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Matt Wolesky.

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